



Spring 2013

Service in Action

Recognizing service and volunteerism throughout Maryland



Nominate Extraordinary Volunteers for the Governor's Service Awards!

For nearly 30 years, the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) has presented the Governor's Service Awards. These awards recognize Maryland citizens for their significant contributions to the life and health of the State and its people during a particular period of time. This year, the ceremony will recognize volunteer service during 2012 (or longer for a lifetime achievement award). The awards will be presented to selected recipients and invitees at an event in the fall.

The 2013 awards ceremony marks the 30th anniversary of the Maryland Governor's Service Awards. The GOSV is honored to continue the tradition of recognizing outstanding citizens who serve to strengthen their communities.

Nominations for the awards must be submitted via [an online form](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013. For official rules, please visit the [Governor's Service Awards](#) page.



Unique Volunteer Opportunity: Get Outside Day on the Eastern Shore

Join the Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore on June 8, 2013 for their Get Outside Day event! Youth will have the opportunity to learn about archery, firearm safety, wildlife, kayaking, camping, cycling, nutrition, and more.

Volunteers are needed to help organize these activities and promote outdoor fun! To find out more, or to volunteer, visit the [ShoreCAN Volunteer Center](#) website.



National Conference on Volunteering and Service

The Points of Light's annual conference provides attendees with an opportunity to learn, connect, and be inspired through a wide range of exciting and informative plenary sessions, workshops, immersion learnings, special events, service projects, exhibits, specialized tracks, and more.

The 2013 Conference will be in Washington D.C. from June 19 - 21, 2013.

Visit the [NCVS website](#) to learn more!



Looking for more volunteer opportunities? Use the [Maryland Volunteer Center interactive map](#) to find your closest volunteer center.

Visit the [GOSV's calendar](#) to find out about other National Service Days and state-wide events.

Story of Service: "Inspiring Students to Serve" from AIM for Excellence AmeriCorps, AVID Program

Service is contagious. That is what Benjamin, an AVID AmeriCorps member, has learned this year. He is serving at Patapsco High School in Baltimore County. And when he first walked into the AVID classroom, he couldn't be sure if the students even wanted to be there. After all, the AVID program targets average students. They are the kids that everyone tends to overlook. They aren't the "smart" kids at the top of the class. But they are also not failing. For all Benjamin knew, the students he was going to tutor had every intention of coasting by. [Learn more about Benjamin's AVID students on our Stories of Service page.](#)

AIM for Excellence, an AmeriCorps State program sponsored by Civic Works, serves Baltimore communities. AIM for Excellence AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor students, grow food for low-income communities, and provide environmental and nutrition education. To find out more about this program, and all the Maryland AmeriCorps State programs, visit the GOSV's [Our Grantees](#) page.

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